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In re Application of

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For: BUOYANCY DEVICES USING CONFORMAL CAVITIES

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Examiner: J. Hawkins Gay

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AMENDMENT  
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Office Action dated 2/19/2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 6, 11-14 and 19.

Amend claims 1, 2, 5, 7-10, 15 and 17 as per attached clean-copy and marked-up versions.

REMARKS

1. Response is to new Office Action dated 19 February, 2002 mailed after receipt of applicant's supplemental amendment which crossed in the mail with Office Action also dated 19 February 2002.

2. Claims 9, 10 and 17 have been amended, as per the Examiner's suggestions, to correct informalities.

3. Claims 1, 5 and 15 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

4. Claims 2, 5-8 and 10 have also been amended to more more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention, and the utility of same in order to avoid rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. The claims have also been amended to correct language, as per the Examiner's suggestions, which the Examiner has found to be "vague and confusing".

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